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### What is page tagging?

Page tagging is an alternate method for traffic information about your site that goes beyond the standard data recorded by default in your Web server log files.

Basic page tagging involves sending information to Unica NetInsight every time a page loads in a visitor's web browser. You can customize page tagging to also send information when a visitor interacts with a tagged page (for example, uses a particular navigation item or starts a video).

You can use direct tags to send data to Unica NetInsight when JavaScript rendering is not possible (such as in cell phone applications or Flash widgets). Direct tags are also known as web beacons.

### Introduction to page tagging

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## When to use page tagging

Use page tagging when:

- You do not have access to the log files of your Web site's server and you want to analyze traffic on the site.
- You want to analyze additional information (such as screen resolution) about your site's visitors that is not transferred during a page request but is transferred during a page tag request.
- You want to track events, which are any actions on your Web site other than loading a page. Events include but are not limited to the following: changing a field on a form, selecting an option in a drop-down list box, submitting a form. Events are plentiful in Rich Internet Applications (RIAs) such as Flash or AJAX applications.

## How page tagging works

Page tagging works as follows.

1. In each page on your site that you want to track, you place a *page tag*. A page tag is an HTML reference to the page tag script. If you want to track every page on your site, you can paste the page tag in a common include file such as a footer.
2. The *page tag script* (`ntpagetag.js`) is a JavaScript file that includes functions that collect information about visitors to your tagged pages. It converts the information into name/value pairs that can be read by Unica NetInsight. Unica provides you with the page tag script. You customize it as desired and place it on a publicly accessible Web server (typically the same one that serves your site).
3. The page tag script includes a request for the *page tag image*. The page tag image is a one-pixel transparent image which you place on a publicly accessible Web server, usually in the server's HTML document root or in an image folder. Although you can place the page tag image on the same server as the Web site you want to tag, it is not necessary. In some cases, it is preferable to place it on a separate Web server. When a request for the image file is sent, the visitor information that was processed by the page tag script is sent with the request. A request for the page tag image is made each time a visitor loads a tagged page or executes a tagged event.

## Basic page tagging data, dimensions, and metrics

By default, page tagging collects the following visitor information:

- IP address
- GMT date/time
- Page request with query string

- Referring URL
- Screen resolution
- Screen color depth
- Browser language
- Browser Java support
- User agent
- Cookie information

This information appears in your reports through the default dimensions and metrics. These are the default dimensions:

- Page
- Entry Page
- Exit Page
- Referrer
- Browser
- Platform
- Geographic Data (Country, City, Time Zone, Organization, etc.)
- Date
- Time
- Day of the Week

These are the default metrics:

- Number of visitors
- Number of views
- Number of visits
- Number of new visitors
- Number of repeat visitors
- Total time online
- Average viewing time
- Average visit duration
- Views per visit

You can customize page tagging to track and report on a range of other visitor activities such as shopping cart activity, form interaction, clicks on links to external sites, interaction with a Rich Internet Applications (RIA) like Flash, or any other event. Page tags can be customized on a page-by-page basis using optional page-specific variables.

## About the page tag image query string

The information Unica NetInsight analyzes is sent via name-value pairs in requests for the page tag image. NetInsight recognizes some names by default and will store and analyze the values. If you want to analyze more information, you can add name-value pairs to the page tag and then create parameters in NetInsight so that information is stored and reported on.

Below is a sample HTTP request for the page tag image. In the request: js=JavaScript support; ts=a JavaScript timestamp; lc=requested page; rf=referrer; rs=screen resolution; cd=color depth; ln=browser language; tz=time zone; jv=java support; ck=cookies.

```
192.168.0.64 - - [25/Jul/2009:07:30:49 -0400] "GET http%3A
//mysite.com/images/ntpametag.gif?js=1&ts=1089199849489.408&lc=http%
3A//www.mycompany.com/index.html&rf=http%3A//www.google.com&rs=1280x1024&cd=
24&ln=en&tz=GMT%20-04%3A00&jv=1&ck=SaneID%3DASZG1NYNbU1-V9Fop9P HTTP/1.1"
200 85 "http://www.mycompany.com/index.html" "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux
i686; en-US; rv:1.3.1) Gecko/20030425"
```

## Page tagging options settings in Unica NetInsight

Page tag image requests can be analyzed either separate from or along with the web server log entries for the original page request. So you can selectively tag the pages you want to track, or collect additional information on a specific subset of pages. You can also track pages in instances when you don't have access to a site's web server logs.

There are several ways to use page tag data in a profile:

- **Not used:** Disables page tagging. However, requests for the page tag image count as hits.
- **Used only to augment log files with additional data:** Requests for the page tag image count as hits but not as page views. Augmenting log files with page tag data lets you capture additional client-side information like screen resolution or track like shopping cart adds and removes.
- **Used instead of log files to collect data for a single site:** This is the most common page-tagging mode. Requests for the page tag image count as page views. Non-page tag requests are not counted.

If you use this option, make sure you tag every page you want to track. Tag non-HTML views (such as file downloads) by tagging the link to the file. Use event tags to track on-page events like shopping cart activity.

This mode expects pages to be logged in the format `http://www.host.com/page.html`. NetInsight parses the host from the URL and compares it (without respect to case) to the URL of the site being analyzed (as defined in **General options**), or the server URL if your log files are clustered for multiple sites. If they match the host is removed from the URL and the request counts as a page view. If they do not match, the request is not counted.

- **Used instead of log files to collect data for multiple sites:** Requests for page tag images count as page views. Non-page tag requests are not counted. Pages appear in NetInsight reports as full URLs (as they do when NetInsight is configured to process log files clustered for multiple sites). If you are using page tags to collect data for multiple sites, you must use this mode so that NetInsight can differentiate between page tags generated for identically named pages from different sites .
- **Used in addition to log files to collect data for multiple sites:** Requests for page tag images and non-page tag requests both count count as page views. (Non-page tag requests are prefixed with the URL in the **General options**, or the server URL if the log files are clustered for multiple sites.)

Use this mode if you want to use log files in conjunction with page tags for your main site, or if portions of your site come from other web sites whose logs you cannot access. In that case you would tag the pages on those remote sites. Page tags generated from the remote sites count as page views. The pages from each site re prefixed with the site's name (for example, `http://www.ourpartner.com/remotepage.html`).

Both regular log records and page tag records will count as page views. Therefore, do not add page tags to your main site for which you are using log files, as traffic will be counted twice. Using event tags only will not result in traffic being counted twice.

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- 💡 If a page tag request includes `pv=` or `ev=`, those values will override the **Page Tagging** option's default behavior for page views.
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## Planning your tags

In order to get the most from page tags, you must understand your organization's reporting needs. Unica strongly recommends that you review the reporting needs with Unica Professional Services. If Professional Services is not involved, use iterative rounds of testing in a data validation profile to ensure the tags meet the reporting requirements.

When you implement page tagging for web analytics, you will be customizing individual web site pages. You may need to revise these tags, which involves working with your IT department to change your web site pages.

## Setting up basic page tagging

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## Basic page tagging deployment checklist

Basic page tagging encompasses those tasks and considerations necessary to deploy page tagging at its out-of-the-box level of functionality. These are listed here. Individual steps are described in greater detail later in this document.

1. Acquire the Page Tag package from Unica.
2. Deploy the page tag image to a web server that meets the requisite accessibility and log format requirements.
3. Edit the page tag script to point to the location of the page tag image. Deploy the page tag script to a location accessible to your tagged pages.
4. Tag your web pages. At a minimum individual pages need to include a call to the page tag script.
5. Verify that page tagging is working.
6. In NetInsight's Profile Administration, configure your profile(s) to import logs from the page tag image's web server. In **Profile Administration > Main > Page Tagging**, specify how NetInsight should use page tag data (for example, to augment standard log data or in place of standard log data).

## About the page tags package

In order to use page tags you need the Page Tags package. The Page Tags package is a zip file that includes the files you need to get started tagging your site. Specifically it contains:

- The page tag script (`ntpagetag.js`).
- The page tag image (`ntpagetag.gif`)
- A sample of a tagged HTML (`sample.html`). The sample page contains the script call to `ntpagetag.js` that you will need to place in all your tagged pages. It also includes examples of page-specific variables you can place on individual pages that you want to process specially.

To download the Page Tags package go to <http://customers.unica.com/home.cfm> > Software Downloads > Unica Web Analytics Page Tagging Script.

## To deploy the page tag image

Deploying the page tag image means simply placing it (`ntpagetag.gif`) in an accessible location on a publicly accessible web server. This is typically in the server's HTML document root or in an image folder. You can place the image on the same web server as the site you want to tag but it is not necessary.



### Log format requirements for the page tag image web server

It is important to understand that it is from the page tag image's web server logs that NetInsight gets its page tag data. So you must be able to access these logs, and they must be in a format Unica NetInsight can read. Supported formats include:

- Microsoft IIS Standard and Extended
- NCSA Common and Combined
- Netscape Flexible
- W3C Extended

If you need more information, see the topics on importing log data.

Once you have deployed the page tag image you are ready to edit and deploy the page tag script.

## To edit and deploy the page tag script

1. Open the page tag script (`ntpagetag.js`) in a text editor.
2. Change the value of the `NTPT_IMGSRC` variable to the location of the page tagging image.

If your web content, the page tag image, and the page tag script will all be delivered from the same server you can use a relative path. Otherwise, use an absolute path. You can use `NTPT_HTTPSIMGSRC` to specify the location using secure protocol.

3. Make any desired changes to the required or optional variables in the page tagging script to control which fields are included in the page tag and the default page tag settings.

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💡 Unica does not recommend disabling the default fields (defined in the `NTPT_FIELDS` variable).

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4. Place the page tag script on a publicly accessible web server. Confirm that the script is publicly accessible.

You are now ready to tag your pages.

## To tag your site pages

To tag your web site pages:

1. Open `sample.html` in a text editor and find the NetInsight page tag, which consists of these lines:

```
<!-- BEGIN: Unica Page Tag -->
<!-- Copyright 2001-2010, Unica Corporation All rights reserved. -->
<script language="JavaScript" src="/scripts/ntpagetag.js"></script>
<noscript>
  
```

```
</noscript>
<!-- END: Unica Page Tag -->
```

2. If necessary, change the script element's src attribute to match the location of the page tag script (ntpagetag.js). If the page tag script is on the same server as your Web site content, you can use a relative path. Otherwise, use an absolute path.
3. If necessary, change the img element's src attribute to match the location of the page tagging image (ntpagetag.gif).
4. Copy and paste the page tag into each page on your site you want to track with Unica NetInsight. If you want to track the entire site, paste the page tag into the master template or a global include file, such as a footer.
5. Copy your tagged web pages or the updated master template or include file to the Web server.

If you don't need to make more advanced customizations (such as modifying tags on a page-by-page basis or using tags to track events or retail activity) you are finished configuring your web site to use page tags. Next you should verify that your page tags are working.

For instructions on viewing the data you are collecting in Unica NetInsight reports see the *Unica NetInsight Reports User's Guide*.

## Verifying that the page tags are working

You can verify that the page tags are working by ensuring that the page tag server's log files contain requests for the Unica page tag image (ntpagetag.gif). The log files should contain one line for each request for the ntpagetag.gif image, which is caused by a visitor loading a tagged page or executing a tagged event.

Lines may be similar to the following example:

```
192.168.0.64 - - [25/Jul/2004:07:30:49 -0400]
"GET /images/ntpagetag.gif?js=1&ts=1089199849489.408&lc=http%3A
//testserver/sample.html&rfs=http%3A
//testserver/&rs=1280x1024&cd=24&ln=en&tz=GMT%20-04%3A00&jv=0
HTTP/1.1" 200 85 "http://testserver/sample.html"
"Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; rv:1.3.1) Gecko/20030425".
```

## To enable page tags

1. View the profile in which you want to analyze data collected from page tags.
2. Click the Options tab.
3. In the Options panel, select Main > Page Tagging.
4. In the Page tags are list, select the mode that matches the data collection mechanism you want to use.

5. Click **Save Options** and then click **Continue**.

If you selected **Not used**, you do not need to continue with the remaining steps.


6. Specify the images used to collect page tag data:
  - a. To add an image, click **Add** enter a filter that describes the image, and click **Add** again.
  - b. To edit a filter, select the filter in the list, click **Edit**, make your changes and click **Save Changes**.
  - c. To delete an image, select the image and click **Delete**.

When you import data into Unica NetInsight from now on, Unica NetInsight will analyze the data collected by the page tag images that match the current filters.

7. If this is what you want or if you have additional changes to make to the list of filters, click **Continue**.

If you want Unica NetInsight to use the current image list on data you have already imported, you need to delete all the data in your profile and reimport your log files.

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 If you do not still have all the log files you have imported into this profile, you will lose data permanently by choosing this option.

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To delete your profile data, click **Delete Profile Data**.

## What to do when JavaScript is disabled

Because page tagging relies on JavaScript, JavaScript must be enabled in your visitors' browsers in order for you to track them with the page tag.

For visitors with JavaScript disabled, you can include an HTML `<noscript>` tag that requests the page tag image directly. You can pass other information with that request, as desired. For example:

However, because robots and spiders cannot execute JavaScript, you may find that tracking only the visitors with JavaScript enabled is an effective way to separate human from non-human visitors.


## Using page tagging with secure pages

The security of the page tag request is determined by the protocol used to call the page tag image and the page tag script. The page tag script contains calls for the page tag image using both HTTP and HTTPS. The script will automatically use the correct variable to match the protocol of the page from which the request is sent. If you specify a relative path to the page tag script in your page tags, your visitors' browsers will automatically use the correct protocol.

If you will be tagging pages that are all secure or all not secure, use the appropriate protocol for the page tag script. If you will be tagging a mix of pages that are secure and pages that are not secure place the page tag script on the same server as your Web site content and in your page tags use a relative path to the script location.

## To normalize query string parameter values

The administrative option **Normalize lc query-string parameters** enables you to convert all lc query string parameter values to lowercase. If the option is selected, Unica NetInsight converts the values to lowercase. If the option is cleared, the lc query string parameter values are unchanged unless you use URL Search and Replace rules to modify them. This option applies only to lc parameter values that include the protocol and host.

1. Open the administration home page by clicking on the Administration icon (  ).
2. Click the **Options** tab.
3. In the **Options** panel, select **Main > Advanced**.  
The **Advanced options** screen opens.
4. Select **Normalize lc query-string parameters** to convert all query string parameter values to lowercase.

## Adding dimensions to tags

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### About adding dimensions to tags

A dimension is an item of content you want to measure. Dimension values determine the rows in a Unica NetInsight report. For example, Entry Page and Referrer are dimensions.

There are three categories of dimensions:

- Default dimensions for which basic page tags automatically collect data.
- Standard dimensions that Unica NetInsight recognizes automatically when you add them to the tag
- Custom dimensions that Unica NetInsight must be configured to recognize when you add them to the tag

Direct tags do not have default dimensions because they do not call the page tag script.

## Default dimensions

For basic page tags and event tags, the default dimensions are determined by the page tag script (ntpagetag.js). You can edit the script to disable some of the default dimensions, although Unica does not recommend it.

For details, see documentation on the [NTPT\\_FIELDS variable](#).

Direct tags do not have default dimensions because they do not call the page tag script.

## Standard dimensions Unica NetInsight recognizes automatically

Unica NetInsight automatically recognizes information passed via the following standard dimensions. Unica NetInsight reports on their values without the need to first configure parameters for them.

Name	Description	Value / Example
ets	Unique floating pointer used by your visitors' browsers to help avoid cached page tag requests. The page tag script sets the value for this dimension automatically.	Number
ev	Type of event	Any text value
lk	Code that tells Unica NetInsight to count the page tag request as a link to an external site.	1 lk=1
pv	Code that determines whether or not Unica NetInsight counts the page tag request as a page view. A value of 0 does not count the request as a view. A value of 1 counts the request as a view.  Use pv=0 when using a page tag to send visit-level data. When using page tagging to augment log files with additional data, use pv=1 to count the request as a view. When using page tagging instead of log files, you do not need to specify pv=1 because counting the page tag image request as a page view is the default behavior in this mode.	0, 1
rta	Products added to the shopping cart on the current page	List of product SKUs, quantities, and values separated by semi-colons

Name	Description	Value / Example
rtc	Products purchased	List of product SKUs, quantities, and values separated by semi-colons
rti	Order ID associated with the current page	String
rtr	Products removed from the shopping cart on the current page	List of product SKUs, quantities, and values separated by semi-colons
rtt	Revenue associated with the current page	Number
rtv	Products viewed on the current page	List of product SKUs separated by semi-colons
sc	Status of the request (HTTP status code). Unica NetInsight uses this dimension to determine which requests are errors.	Number sc=404
site	Name of the site (used to filter data into profiles)	String
ts	Unique floating point identifier used by your visitors' browsers to help avoid cached page tag requests. The page tag script sets the value for this dimension automatically.	Number
un	Populates values for Unica NetInsight's user dimension.	String
vc	Visit cost (the amount of money spent to drive a visitor to your site for this visit). The value must be a float value and cannot include a currency sign or commas.	Number

### Additional standard dimensions for use in direct tags

The dimensions in this table are default dimensions in basic page tags and event tags, and Unica NetInsight recognizes them automatically when you use them in direct tags. Some of these dimensions are commonly used in direct tags and others are rarely used.

Name	Description	Value / Example
cd	Color depth of the visitor's web browser	Number cd=32

Name	Description	Value / Example
ck	Cookies and values. The list of cookie name-value pairs must be delimited using semi-colons and the entire list must be URL encoded.	String ck=UnicaNlODID%3Dt05RwsKyD6V50cKhL%BSessionID%3D9816106-8172
lc	Requested page (including query string). The value must be in the form of a URL and must be URL encoded.	Any URL lc=http%3A%2F%2Fblog.company.com%2Fpage.html
ln	Language of the visitor's web browser	String ln=en
rf	Referrer to the page	A URL-encoded URL rf=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fsearch
rs	Screen resolutions of the visitor's web browser, expressed in width times height.	<i>NumberxNumber</i> rs=1280x800
tz	Time zone of the visitor's web browser	URL-encoded time zone value tz=GMT%20-04%3A00

### Example: site dimension

In Unica NetInsight, profiles are typically configured to filter data based on the `site` parameter. You give each site you want to analyze a unique `site` parameter value and then create one profile per site.

Filtering based on the `site` parameter is preferred to filtering based on the URL (page) for the following key reasons:

- Unlike URLs, the `site` dimension values are unaffected by translation services or caching servers. (The URL of a page that is viewed through a translation service or caching server may no longer contain the originating domain name, and thus will not be filtered appropriately.)
- Using the `site` dimension ensures the filtering will work even if the URLs change over time.

If you want to analyze multiple sites in a combined profile, use a common prefix in the `site` dimension values for those sites (for example, the name of your organization for production servers or *test* for test servers). This enables you to write a simple filter for the combined profile.

## About using custom dimensions

You can configure your tags to collect data about custom dimensions and send the data to Unica NetInsight.

You insert custom dimension data into the page tag using name-value pairs (also called parameters). Then, you configure the appropriate profiles to recognize the parameter.

For example, if you want to analyze which content authors create the most popular content, you can create an `author` parameter and use it in the page tag query string for all page views. Once you have configured your profiles, the profiles contain a report that shows which authors have the most popular content. You can also use the `author` custom dimension to filter other reports.

## Constructing the dimension name-value pair

The custom dimension parameter name must meet the following requirements:

- It must use alphanumeric characters only.
- It must be unique. (Be sure you are not using the name of a default or standard dimension, even if that dimension is not currently used in your tags.)

The custom dimension parameter value must be URL encoded using the `encodeURIComponent()` JavaScript function.

You can either define the appropriate value for the dimension each time you add the dimension's parameter to a tag, or you can set the dimension parameter to the value of an existing variable on your page. (Setting the dimension to a variable may not be possible for all sites or applications. The exact method to use depends on the scripting language used by the site or application.)

## Passing multiple values

Generally, the value in a name-value pair is a single value (for example, a single video title). However, you may want to pass multiple values instead (for example, a list of all ads displayed during the page view). You can use a list of separated values.

To include multiple values in the name-value pair:

- Use a separator to indicate where one value ends and another begins. A comma is the default separator, but you can also use a pipe, colon, or semi-colon.
- Configure the appropriate profiles to recognize the custom dimension parameter.

**Example:**

```
<script language="Javascript">
var NTPT_PGEXTRA='ads=abchotel,discounttheater,acmecar';
</script>
```



## Planning your custom dimensions

Every custom dimension must have a corresponding parameter defined in Unica NetInsight. You should carefully consider your reporting needs and plan out the dimensions you need before you start creating them.

There is a limit to the number of parameters your profiles can contain. (The exact limit is defined during the account startup process.) Because of this limit, whenever possible you should create parameters that you can use in multiple scenarios. You can use filters to focus your reports on particular values, as in the following example.

### Example: Video and audio content

Suppose your site contains video and audio content and you use event tags to track when visitors start a video or audio file. Because you want to analyze video and audio content separately, you create two event types (`ev=videostart` and `ev=audiostart`). You also want to analyze the title of the file that was started, and you can do that with a custom dimension. Your first thought might be to create one dimension for videos and one for audio files, but you will have more reporting options and keep the number of parameters lower if you use one dimension for both video and audio titles (for example, `title`).

If you create a `title` dimension, you can create the following reports:

- Report showing all pages on which visitors started a video and which videos they started (Page Summary with `title` dimension added and a filter of `ev=videostart`)
- Report showing all pages on which visitors started an audio file and which audio files they started (Page Summary with `title` dimension added and a filter of `ev=audiostart`)
- Report showing the most popular video and audio content (Parameter Summary for `title`; if you use `title` for other event types also, such as banner ads, add filters `ev=videostart` and `ev=audiostart`)
- Report showing the most popular video content (Parameter Summary for `title` with filter `ev=videostart`)
- Report showing the most popular audio content (Parameter Summary for `title` with filter `ev=audiostart`)

## Adding a dimension to a tag

Before adding a custom dimension, see if the data is already being collected. For example, the referrer value or the page URL may already contain the information. In that case, you do not need to modify the tag.

In most cases, you need to insert the dimension data into the tag using the dimension's parameter. How you add the parameter depends on the type of tag.

## Basic page tags—global dimensions

If the dimension is one that applies to every page, add the dimension's parameter to the NTPT\_GLBLEXTA variable in the tag script (ntpagetag.js). Separate name-value pairs with ampersands.

### Example:

This example adds the `site` dimension and the `un` dimension to every tag. The `un` dimension is set to the variable `userName`. (The exact method for setting dimensions to variables depends on the scripting language used by your site.)

```
var NTPT_GLBLEXTA = 'site=dailyherald&un=' + userName;
```

## Basic page tags—local dimensions

If the dimension applies to some pages only, you must set the parameter for the dimension to the appropriate value on each page, using the NTPT\_PGEXTRA variable. Separate name-value pairs with ampersands. Make sure NTPT\_PGEXTRA is in a position where it will be parsed before the page tag script is called.

### Example:

```
<script language="JavaScript">
var NTPT_PGEXTRA='author=JohnSmith';
</script>
```

## Event tags

In the JavaScript event handler or Flash ActionScript for the event being tagged, do one of the following:

- Use `ntptAddPair` to define the dimension before the `ntptEventTag`, `ntptLinkTag`, or `ntptSubmitTag` function is called.
- Use the `querymod` argument of the `ntptEventTag`, `ntptLinkTag`, or `ntptSubmitTag` function to define the dimension.

### Example:

In this example, the `onclick` JavaScript event handler calls the `ntptEventTag` function and uses the `querymod` argument to add the `ev` standard dimension and the `evdetail` custom dimension.

```
<a href="go.asp"
onclick="ntptEventTag('ev=buttonclick&evdetail=go');">
```

## Direct tags

Include the name-value pair for the dimension in the list of name-value pairs after the question mark (?) in each direct tag to which the dimension applies.

### Example:

This example adds the `site` dimension and the visitor identification cookie.

```
http://pt001.unica.com/ntpametag.gif?lc=http%3A%2F%2Fapplication%2Fsta  
rt&site=application&ck=UnicaNIODID%3DcookieValue
```

## Including cookie data in page tag requests

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### About including cookie data in page tag requests

The Unica NetInsight page tag script automatically sets a visitor identification cookie and includes the cookie data in the page tag request. If your web site sets other cookies, you can configure the page tag script to include the data from those cookies in the page tag request as well.

### About visitor identification cookies

By default, the Unica NetInsight page tag script assigns a cookie to visitors. Unica NetInsight uses this cookie for visitor identification and parameter analysis. The visitor identification cookie is set when the page tagging script loads.

Because the cookie is set through JavaScript, visitors must have JavaScript enabled in their browser in order to be tracked. (Users who do not have JavaScript enabled appear in the unique visitor count but no page tag data is collected for them.)

You can edit the page tag script (`ntpametag.js`) to add parameters to the script element that sets variables for the `imodTag.js` script that make the following changes to the visitor identification cookie:

- Stop setting visitor identification cookies
- Change the visitor identification cookie name (not recommended if you are already collecting data)
- Change the expiration period for the visitor identification cookie
- Declare a domain visitor identification cookie to track visitors across subdomains

### To capture data from additional cookies

If desired, you can capture data from cookies set by your web site and then run reports on that data in Unica NetInsight. You can capture cookie data globally (this is, on each page load) or for specific pages only. Cookie names are specified as an array.

To capture your cookie data via page tags:

1. In the page tagging script (ntpagetag.js), set NTPT\_FLDS.ck to true. This enables collection of cookie data.

Ensure that no variables used in your page tags at either the global or page level have their value set to `ck` as this would prevent collection of cookie data (for example, `NTPT_GLBLEXTA="ck=somevalue"`). For the same reason, do not use tagging functions (for example, `ntptAddPair`, `ntptEventTag`) to add a `ck` parameter or modify the existing `ck` parameter.

2. Declare the cookie name variable. Specify the names of the cookies you want to capture as an array.
  - a. To capture cookies globally, declare the `NTPT_GLBLCOOKIES` variable in the page tagging script.
  - b. To capture cookies on specific pages, declare the `NTPT_PGCOOKIES` variable on those pages where you want to capture cookie data.

Examples:

```
NTPT_GLBLCOOKIES= ["cookie1", "cookie2"];
NTPT_PGCOOKIES= ["cookie1", "cookie2"];
```

## Tagging events

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### What is an event?

An event is any on-page action other than loading a page on your site. Events include but are not limited to the following:

- Changing a field on a form
- Selecting an option in a drop-down list box
- Submitting a form
- Clicking a link to display a page on another site
- Starting a video

- Viewing a PDF document
- Checking an option (such as sound on/off)

Events are plentiful in RIAs such as Flash or AJAX applications.

The Unica page tag script includes special functions to use when tagging events.

### About event tagging

Unlike a basic page tag, which sends a request when a page loads, an event tag sends a request when an event occurs on a page.

Another difference is that a basic page tag calls the entire page tagging script and an event tag calls a specific function in the script. There are three main event tagging functions:

- `ntptEventTag`
- `ntptLinkTag`
- `ntptSubmitTag`

Every event you want to track must call one of these functions in its JavaScript event handler or Flash ActionScript.

Events may also call `ntptAddPair` and `ntptDropPair` in conjunction with one of the main functions.

### Counting events as events and not page views

Unica NetInsight considers every call to the page tagging script a page view, even if the call is to one of the event tagging functions. To cause an event to count as an event and not a page view, set the field-value pair `ev=eventtype` using the query modifier of the `ntptEventTag`, `ntptLinkTag`, or `ntptSubmitTag` function.

### Before you tag events

Unica NetInsight analyzes events that occur on tagged pages only. A visitor must have at least one tagged page view in the visit before Unica NetInsight tracks events for that visitor. A tagged event is tracked only if the previous page view for the visitor matches the page on which the event occurred. (If you are using direct tags, the `lc` parameter for the event must match the `lc` parameter for the previous page view.)

### Tracking an event as a page view

Some events should be tracked as page views. For example, opening a PDF file is technically an event because clicking the link that opens the PDF is an interaction with a page. Opening a PDF can not be tracked with the basic page tag, since a basic tag must be embedded in an HTML page. However, usually what you want to analyze about the PDF view is the content, not the act of opening the PDF. Even though you must tag opening the PDF using the event tagging functions, you can have Unica NetInsight track it as a page view instead of an event.

## When to track an event as a page view

The main question to ask when deciding if something should be a page view or an event is this: do you want to analyze this content in path reports? If the answer is yes, Unica NetInsight must track it as a page view.

## How to track an event as a page view

To track an event as a page view, do the following:

- Do not set a value for the `ev` dimension.

When the `ev` dimension is missing, the action does not count as an event.

- Either set the `pv` dimension to 1 (`pv=1`) or remove it altogether, but do not set `pv` to 0.

When `pv=0`, the action does not count as a page view.

- Use the `href` as the value of the `lc` dimension, but be sure to use URL encoding for the value (of the `href`) so it does not conflict with the page tag request.

## Example

```
<a href="article1.pdf" onclick="ntptEventTag('lc=' +
encodeURIComponent(this.href) );" target="_blank">
```

## Ensuring link and submit page tag requests are submitted before the page unloads

Following a link or submitting a form ultimately leads to the unloading of the page that contains the link or the form. To ensure that the request is sent before the page is unloaded, the page tag script introduces a small delay when tagging links and submissions. This delay is the maximum amount of time that will elapse before the page is unloaded; if the request returns before the specified time has elapsed, the page will be unloaded immediately, without waiting for the rest of the time.

You can configure this delay globally by setting the `NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT` variable. You can adjust the wait for an individual link or submission by using the `maxtagwait` argument for `ntptLinkTag` or `ntptSubmitTag`.

The `NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT` variable does not introduce a delay for tags created using `ntptEventTag`. If you need a delay, use `ntptLinkTag` or `ntptSubmitTag`.

The default wait is one second, which is usually indiscernible to the user and is usually sufficient to effectively capture all tagged links and form submissions.

## To tag JavaScript or AJAX events

1. Ensure that each page that contains an event you want to track has been tagged with the Unica page tag, either directly on the page or through a common include file.
2. Customize the page tagging as needed for each page, using the optional page-specific variables.
3. Create a JavaScript event handler for every event you want to track.

Each event handler should call the appropriate event-tagging functions provided by Unica. (See the Reference chapter for details.)

4. Copy your tagged HTML pages to the Web server or your content management system.

The example below shows three different ways to call the Unica event-tagging functions. The first instance uses the `onchange` attribute of the `<input>` HTML element to call the `ntptEventTag` function directly. The second instance uses the `onchange` attribute of the `<input>` HTML element to call the `ntptEventTag` function and pass additional information. In this case, the value of the text box is passed to the page tag request. The final instance uses a custom event handler named `MyEventHandler` to call the `ntptAddPair` and `ntptEventTag` functions in a JavaScript function.

```
<form>
  <input type="checkbox" name="mybox" onchange="ntptEventTag();" >
  <input type="text" name="mytext"
    onchange="ntptEventTag('ev=myevent&mytext=' + encodeURIComponent(
      this.value )) ;">

  <script language="JavaScript">
    function MyEventHandler() { ntptAddPair( "color", "red" );
    ntptEventTag( "ev=myevent" ); }
  </script>
</form>
```

## To tag events in Flash 8 or greater

1. Add the following function to the bottom of `ntpagetag.js`. Or place it in its own file and, in the page whose Flash you want to track, call the file after you call `ntpagetag.js`.

`unicaFunctions` is a handler that parses name/value pairs returned by your tagged Flash and communicates them to the `ntpagetag` script

```
function unicaFunctions(command, args) {

  if (null == args) {
    return;
  }

  var tmpargs = args.split(",");
```

```

        if (command == "ntptEventTag") {
            (0 == tmpargs[0].length) ? ntptEventTag() :
ntptEventTag(tmpargs[0]);
        }
        else if (command == "ntptAddPair") {
            if ( 2 != tmpargs.length ) {
                return;
            }
            else {
                ntptAddPair(tmpargs[0], tmpargs[1]);
            }
        }

        else if (command == "ntptDropPair") {
            if ( 1 != tmpargs.length ) {
                return;
            }
            else {
                ntptDropPair(tmpargs[0]);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

2. On the page whose Flash you want to track, add this function to your Flash ActionScript. It serves as a bridge to ExternalInterface.call which calls unicaFunctions. You can name the function anything.

```

function FlashTracking(func, args) {
    ExternalInterface.call("unicaFunctions", func, args);
}

```

3. In the page's ActionScript, use the function you just added to specify name/value pairs to pass to ntptEventTag. See the next section for examples.

## Flash page tagging examples

In this example, the string "ev=videoaction&video=myvideo&videoaction=rewind" is passed to ntptEventTag. Unica NetInsight reports will show that the visitor initiated a "rewind" "videoaction" event for "myvideo."

```

// visitor is rewinding movie
this.FlashTracking( "ntptEventTag",
"ev=videoaction&video=myvideo&videoaction=rewind" );

```

## Using ntptAddPair to add information

If you need to add information to an event's attributes prior to firing the event, you can call the Unica NetInsight ntptAddPair helper function.

```

// Visitor sets interior color to red and adds the sunroof option
this.FlashTracking( "ntptAddPair", "color,red" );

```



```
this.FlashTracking( "ntptAddPair", "sunroof,true" );  
this.FlashTracking( "ntptEventTag", "ev=PersonalizeCar" );
```

This example will result in an event tag equivalent to:

```
this.FlashTracking( "ntptEventTag",  
"ev=PersonalizeCar&color=red&sunroof=true" );
```

### Using ntptDropPair to remove information

While arguments specified in ntptEventTag are bound to just that call, name/value pairs set with ntptAddPair are stored in the JavaScript of the containing page. These pairs remain until a new page is viewed (which is effectively the length of the Flash application). To remove them use ntptDropPair. Building on the previous example, if the next set of ActionScript calls are:

```
// Visitor removed the sunroof option and added ABS  
this.FlashTracking( "ntptDropPair", "sunroof" );  
this.FlashTracking( "ntptAddPair", "ABS,true" );  
this.FlashTracking( "ntptEventTag", "ev=PersonalizeCar" );
```

... this will result in an event tag equivalent to:

```
this.FlashTracking( "ntptEventTag",  
"ev=PersonalizeCar&color=red&ABS=true" );
```

The "color=red" pair came from the original calls. The "sunroof=true" is no longer there because it was dropped by the ntptDropPair call. The "ABS=true" pair comes from the most recent ntptAddPair.

### Tagging Flash to track links

In the following example a mouse down event on button\_1 reports the event "clickedlink" to the external site unica.com.

```
button_1.addEventListener(MouseEvent.CLICK,mouseDownHandler);  
  
function mouseDownHandler(event:MouseEvent):void {  
    navigateToURL(new URLRequest("http://www.unica.com/"));  
    this.FlashTracking("ntptAddPair", "gone,page");  
    this.FlashTracking("ntptEventTag", "lc=http://www.unica.com/" +  
    "&ev=clickedlink");  
}
```

## Marking link tags as links to an external site

In Unica NetInsight, links to external sites can be analyzed in the Link Summary. You can mark a link page tag request as a link to an external site by including the name-value pair `lk=1` in the page tag request's query string. You can pass the `lk=1` name-value pair into the query string by including it in the `querymod` argument for `ntptLinkTag` or by using `ntptAddPair` to add it before you call `ntptLinkTag`.

When you use `lk=1`, clicking the link is not tracked as a page view or an event, and Unica NetInsight does not store the page on which the visitor clicked the link.

## Sending visit-level data when an event occurs

Sometimes you need to send information when an event occurs, but you do not want the information associated with the event in your reports. For example, when a visitor uses a specific search tool for the first time or becomes a customer (not just a visitor) for the first time, you want to associate those changes in status with the visit, not with a particular event.

You can send visit-level data by using an event tag with both of the following conditions:

- The tag does not contain `ev= event tag`.
- The tag contains `pv=0`.

The first condition keeps Unica NetInsight from registering the tag as an event. The second keeps Unica NetInsight from registering it as a page view.

# Tagging retail activity

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## About retail activity

You can use page tags to track these retail activities:

- Product views
- Shopping cart adds
- Shopping cart removes
- Checkouts

You can tag or not tag individual retail activities, depending on your reporting needs. For example, if you require checkout data only, or if your site does not use a shopping cart, you can implement checkout tags without tagging cart adds, cart removes, or product views. Similarly, if your site is a product review site and not a retail site, you can use product view tags without tagging cart adds, cart removes, or checkouts.

## Tagging product views

To track how often a product is viewed, use the `rtv` ("retail view") parameter to pass the product's identifier. You can pass the `rtv` parameter in a page tag (through `NTPT_PGEXTRA`) or in an event tag (through the `querymod` argument of `ntptEventTag`, `ntptLinkTag`, or `ntptSubmitTag`).

If a page contains multiple products, you can pass multiple values to the `rtv` parameter. Separate multiple values with semi-colons.

### Example: Passing multiple static product identifiers

In this example several product identifiers are passed as static values:

```
var NTPT_PGEXTRA="rtv=prod1234;prod3456;prod5678";
```

### Example: Passing a product identifier written by a script

In this example, the product SKU is written by a script (in this case, PHP):

```
var NTPT_PGEXTRA = "rtv=<?php echo $row_current_row['sku']; ?>";
```

### Example: Appending `rtv` to an existing `NTPT_PGEXTRA` value

In this example, the `rtv` parameter is appended to the pre-existing value of `NTPT_PGEXTRA`:

```
NTPT_PGEXTRA += "&rtv=prod1234;prod3456;prod5678";
```

## Ensuring product views are not counted twice

If you pass the `rtv` parameter value through `NTPT_PGEXTRA` and the product view page contains event tags, you must clear the `rtv` parameter value before the event. Otherwise, two product views are logged: the first when the page loads and the second when the event tag is sent.

If `NTPT_PGEXTRA` passes only the `rtv` parameter, you can clear the value as follows:

```
NTPT_PGEXTRA="rtv="
```

However, typically NTPT\_PGEXTRA passes additional information, such as authenticated user names, that you do not want to clear. In these cases, use the `ntptDropPair` function to clear the `rtv` parameter value without clearing the other parameters passed in NTPT\_PGEXTRA. Call `ntptDropPair` before the event tagging function.

```
ntptDropPair(rtv);ntptEventTa('ev=cartadd&rtasProduct + ';' +
iQuantity + ';' + fPrice);
```

Another method of ensuring product views are not counted twice is to store the original NTPT\_PGEXTRA variable prior to calling the page tagging script (`ntpagetag.js`) and then reset the variable after the page tag image request is sent. This is particularly useful in situations where there might be multiple events on the product view page (and therefore multiple places where you would need to add `ntptDropPair`). The following example assumes that NTPT\_PGEXTRA is already passing the `authUser` variable as the `un` parameter value (see the first line of the script):

```
<script language="JavaScript">
var NTPT_PGEXTRA = "un=" + authUser;
var NTPT_PGEXTRA_ORIGINAL = NTPT_PGEXTRA;
NTPT_PGEXTRA += "rtv=prod1234;prod3456;prod5678";
</script>
<!--BEGIN: Unica Page Tag-->
<script language="JavaScript src="/scripts/ntpagetag.js"></script>
<!--END: Unica Page Tag-->
<script language="JavaScript">
NTPT_PGEXTRA=NTPT_PGEXTRA_ORIGINAL;
</script>
```

## Tagging additions to a shopping cart

When a product is added to a shopping cart, pass its identifier, quantity, and unit price in that order through the `rtas` ("retail add") parameter. You can pass the `rtas` parameter in a page tag (through NTPT\_PGEXTRA) or in an event tag (through the `querymod` argument of `ntptEventTag`, `ntptLinkTag`, or `ntptSubmitTag`).

```
ntptEventTag('ev=cartadd&rtasProduct + ';' + iQuantity + ';' +
fPrice );
```

The product identifier, quantity, and price are all required in order for Unica NetInsight to track the cart addition.

**Example:** In this example, the values for a single product are passed:

```
ntptEventTag('ev=cartadd&rtasprod1234 + ';' + 1 + ';' + 10.00 );
```

**!** The unit price must be a float value. It must not include a currency sign or commas. Including a currency sign will result in a unit price of zero within Unica NetInsight.

Information for multiple products can be passed in a single call. The first three values must represent the identifier, quantity, and unit price of the first product, the next three values the ID, quantity, and unit price of the second product, and so on.

**Example:** This example passes values for two products:

```
ntptEventTag('ev=cartadd&rta='prod1234 + ';' + 1 + ';' + 10.00 + ';' +  
+ 'prod5678 + ';' + 5 + ';' + 5.00 );
```

## Tagging removals from a shopping cart

When a product is removed from a shopping cart, pass the same information that you sent when it was added. Pass the removed product's identifier, quantity, and unit price in that order through the `rtr` ("retail remove") parameter.

```
ntptEventTag('ev=cartremove&rtr='prod1234 + ';' + 1 + ';' + 10.00 );
```

As with adds, information for multiple products can be passed in a single call. The unit price must be a float value. It must not include a currency sign or commas.

## Tagging the checkout process

Tagging the checkout process allows Unica NetInsight to report which products a visitor purchased, the price and quantity at which they were purchased, and the total revenue for the order. You tag the checkout process by passing the appropriate parameters via the order confirmation (or similar) page served at the end of the checkout process.

You can pass the checkout parameters in a page tag (through `NTPT_PGEXTRA`) or in an event tag (through the `querymod` argument of `ntptEventTag`, `ntptLinkTag`, or `ntptSubmitTag`). These are the checkout parameters:

- `rti` ("retail order number"): The order identification number. Including the `rti` parameter is optional. However, if it is left out Unica NetInsight will not store the revenue for this checkout separately. Instead it will add it to the revenue of any other checkouts completed during the visit.
- `rtt` ("retail total revenue"): The total revenue for this order.
- `rtc` ("retail checkout"): The product ID, quantity, and unit price of each product purchased.

**Syntax:**

```
var NTPT_PGEXTRA =  
"rti=sOrderID&rtt=fTotalRevenue&rtc=sProduct;iQuantity;fPrice" ;
```

**Example:** This example shows an order ABC1234 that totals \$199.99 and consists of two products costing \$150 and \$49.99 respectively.

```
var NTPT_PGEXTRA =
"rti=ABC1234&rtt=199.99&rtc=prod1234;1;150;prod3456;1;49.99" ;
```

## Retail page tag parameters summary

Page Tag Value	What It Reports	Format / Example
rtv	retail (product) view	rtv=sProduct NTPT_PGEXTRA="rtv=product1;product2;product3";
rta	retail (cart) add	rta=sProduct;iQuantity;fPrice ntptEventTag('ev=cartadd&rta='prod1234 + ';' + 1 + ';' + 10.00 );
rtr	retail (cart) re-move	rtr=sProduct;iQuantity;fPrice ntptEventTag('ev=cartremove&rtr='prod1234 + ';' + 1 + ';' + 10.00 );
rtc	retail (cart) check-out	rtc=sProduct1;iQuantity1;fPrice1;sProduct2;iQuantity2;fPrice2 NTPT_PGEXTRA="rtc=prod1234;1;5.00;prod3456;3;19.95";
rtt	retail total revenue	rtt=float rtt=210.54
rti	retail order number	rti=string rti=8318
vc	visit cost	vc=float vc=20.00

## Retail metrics

This table lists the retail metrics that are available in Unica NetInsight reports and provides the corresponding parameter and a description for each one.

Metric	Parameter	Description
Abandoned Carts	rta	The number of visits that have shopping carts that did not complete the checkout process.

Metric	Parameter	Description
Abandoned Revenue	rta	The total value of all shopping carts that did not complete the checkout process.
Average Order Value	rtt	The amount of money (on average) spent on each order.
Cart Abandonment Rate	rta	The percentage of visits that have shopping carts that did not complete the checkout process.
Cart Adds	rta	The number of times visitors placed a product in their shopping carts.
Cart Removes	rtr	The number of times visitors deleted a product from their shopping carts.
Checkout Rate	rtc/rtt	The percentage of visits with shopping cart activity that completed the checkout process.
Checkouts	rtc/rtt	The number of times the checkout process was completed.
Product Revenue	rtc	The total value of the cart contents at checkout time. This is independent of the rtt parameter.
Product Views	rtv	The number of times visitors viewed a product.
Quantity Abandoned	rta	The total number of units in abandoned carts.
Quantity Added	rta	The total number of units added to a cart.
Quantity Purchased	rtc	The total number of units purchased.
Quantity Removed	rtr	The total number of units removed from a cart.
Revenue	rtt	The total order revenue, used to populate the standard revenue metric. It may include revenue (such as shipping charges and taxes) not associated with a product. The Revenue metric includes only revenue from completed web site sessions, as determined by the <b>Number of minutes between visits</b> setting in the Visitor > Sessionization section on the Profile Options screen. If Unica NetInsight identifies that a session may not be complete, it does not include revenue from the session in the Revenue metric.

## Differences between Product Revenue and Revenue

The Product Revenue metric is the result of multiplying the quantity for each purchased product (passed by the `rtc` parameter) by the price for each product (also passed by the `rtc` parameter).

The Revenue metric is the value passed by the `rtt` parameter.

If your order totals (passed by the `rtt` parameter) include shipping charges, taxes, or other fees that are not defined as products, the Revenue metric total and Product Revenue metric total will be different.

If you want to report on shipping charges, taxes, or other fees, Unica recommends that you add those charges to the checkout tag as products passed by the `rtc` parameter.

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## About tagging applications and widgets

In order to track an application or widget using basic page tags, the following conditions must both be true:

- The application or widget must support JavaScript.
- You can place the page tag script on the application or widget pages.

If you cannot use basic page tags, you can use direct tags to send usage data from the application or widget to Unica NetInsight.

Direct tags and page tags are built using the same set of page tag parameters. Like page tags, direct tags can contain data for custom dimensions.

Direct tags (sometimes called web beacons) bypass the page tag script (`ntpagetag.js`) and request the page tag image directly from the server. Because direct tags bypass the script, there is no default direct tag. You must define in the direct tag each item of information you want Unica NetInsight to receive.

Unlike page tags, direct tags work in situations where JavaScript rendering is not possible.



## Anatomy of a direct tag

There are two parts to a direct tag:

- The URL for the page tag image on the Unica NetInsight server. This is the same for every tag you set.
- A query string that contains the information you want sent to Unica NetInsight.

### Simple Example

This direct tag requests `pt001.unica.com/ntpametag.gif` and passes information using the `lc`, `site`, and `ck` parameters:

```
http://pt001.unica.com/ntpametag.gif?lc=http%3A%2F%2Fapplication%2Fstart&site=application&ck=UnicaNIOIDID%3DcookieValue
```

The request shows up in Unica NetInsight as a page view of `http://application/start`, and the page view is included in any profile that contains `site=application`.

### Example with Custom Dimensions

This direct tag passes information using the `lc`, `site`, `ck`, and `un` parameters and the custom parameters `version` and `layout`:

```
http://pt001.unica.com/ntpametag.gif?lc=http%3A%2F%2Fapplication.company.com%2Fproducts%2Fproduct001&site=application&ck=UnicaNIOIDID%3DcookieValue&un=UnicaUser&version=1.0&layout=3A
```

## Best practices for direct tags

- Thoroughly test your direct tags in a data validation profile to ensure they are sending the data you need. Because you build direct tags from the ground up, testing is especially important.
- Include the `site` parameter in all direct tags.
- Include at least one visitor identification parameter.
- If the application or widget might be placed on a secure page or site, reference the page tag via the secure URL.

## About the `lc` parameter

The value of the `lc` parameter indicates the page being viewed or the page on which the event occurred. The value must be in the form of a URL (for example, `http://application`) and must be encoded.

The `lc` parameter should include a descriptive page name, including as much detail as possible about what is going on within the application at the time the page tag image is requested. Typically, content categorization can be derived directly from the value of the `lc` parameter.

For example, the following image request tells us that the visitor was in the products section of the application because the `lc` parameter value uses a directory structure to indicate content hierarchy:

```
http://pt001.unica.com/ntpagetag.gif?lc=http%3A%2F%2Fapplication%2Fproducts%2F&site=application
```

## When NOT to pass the `lc` parameter

You can leave the `lc` parameter out of the direct tag if both of the following conditions are true:

- You are tagging a web-based application, widget, or viral video.
- Your primary concern is the sites on which your content is installed and how many times it is loaded on any given page or site.

When the `lc` parameter is missing, Unica NetInsight reads the referring URL from the headers of the request and treats the referring URL as the page being viewed.

If you must track events or interactions within the application, pass the `lc` parameter and parse the referring URL as a parameter.

Direct tags sent from applications that are not web-based must contain an `lc` parameter.

## Where to place your direct tags

The best location for a direct tag depends on the application or widget you are tagging. In general, you can place a direct tag in any location where you can place an image request.

## Minimizing the number of tags

You should not tag events unnecessarily. If an action results in loading a new page and you can pass the information about the event in the tag for the page view, you may not need to tag the event.

For example, if a user clicked a Hot Products article link from an application's start page, the tag for the subsequent product detail page could pass a click referral parameter (`clickref`) that specifies which link was clicked. The tag would look like the following:

```
http://pt001.unica.com/ntpametag.gif?lc=http%3A%2F%2Fapplication.compa  
ny.com%2Fproducts%2Fproduct001&site=application&ck=UnicaNIDID%3D81759  
178198560&un=UnicaUser&version=1.0.2&layout=3A&clickref=start-  
hotproducts
```

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### Introduction

This section provides reference information on the functions, variables, and fields available through page tags.

### Required variables

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#### About required variables

Required page tagging variables are defined in the page tag script (ntpametag.js).

#### NTPT\_IMGSRC

A string variable that contains the URL of the page tag image. If the page tag image and the page tag script are on the same Web server as the pages you are tagging, you can omit the protocol and server. However, if the page tag script is on a different server than the Web pages you are tracking, you must specify the fully qualified URL to the page tag image, even if the page tag image and page tag script are located on the same server.

##### Syntax

```
var NTPT_IMGSRC = 'URL';
```

**Example (without protocol and server)**

```
var NTPT_IMGSRC = '/images/ntpametag.gif';
```

### Example (fully qualified)

```
var NTPT_IMGSRC = 'http://mysite.com/images/ntpametag.gif';
```

## NTPT\_SET\_SESSION\_COOKIE

Checks for the session cookie and sets it if it does not exist. The default session cookie name is NetInsightSessionID. You can specify a different cookie name using the NTPT\_SESSION\_COOKIE\_NAME variable.

If you do not set this variable, it defaults to false.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_SET_SESSION_COOKIE = [true,false];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_SET_SESSION_COOKIE = true;
```

## NTPT\_FIELDS

An object variable that specifies the fields that will be included in the default page tag. Fields set to true will be included in the page tag. Fields set to false will not be included. In most cases, you should use the default field settings.

Every page tag should include the lc field.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_FLDS = new Object();
NTPT_FLDS.lc = [true,false]; // Document location
NTPT_FLDS.rf = [true,false]; // Document referrer
NTPT_FLDS.rs = [true,false]; // User's screen resolution
NTPT_FLDS.cd = [true,false]; // User's color depth
NTPT_FLDS.ln = [true,false]; // Browser language
NTPT_FLDS.tz = [true,false]; // User's timezone
NTPT_FLDS.jv = [true,false]; // Browser's Java support
NTPT_FLDS.iv = [true,false]; // Initial view
NTPT_FLDS.ck = [true,false]; // Allow capture of cookie values
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_FLDS = new Object();
NTPT_FLDS.lc = true; // Document location
NTPT_FLDS.rf = true; // Document referrer
NTPT_FLDS.rs = true; // User's screen resolution
NTPT_FLDS.cd = true; // User's color depth
NTPT_FLDS.ln = true; // Browser language
```

```
NTPT_FLDS.tz = true; // User's timezone
NTPT_FLDS.jv = true; // Browser's Java support
NTPT_FLDS.iv = false; // Initial view
NTPT_FLDS.ck = true; // Allow capture of cookie values
```

## NTPT\_MAXTAGWAIT

The maximum number of seconds that a call to `ntptLinkTag()` or `ntptSubmitTag()` will wait before following the link or submitting the form. The delay is intended to ensure that the page tag request is sent before the tagged page is unloaded. The event will be executed when the page tag request is returned or the specified number of seconds has elapsed, whichever happens first.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT = number;
```

### Possible values

Value	Description
Any number greater than 0	The number of seconds to wait before following the link or form submission
-1	Execute the event immediately, without waiting

### Examples

```
var NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT = 1; // one second
var NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT = 2.5; // two and a half seconds
var NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT = 0.1; // a tenth of a second
var NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT = -1; // no delay
```

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## About optional global variables

Optional global variables can be specified in the page tag script (ntpagetag.js).

### NTPT\_HTTPSIMGSRG

The URL of the page tag image to use when the tagged page is accessed using the “https:” protocol.

#### Syntax

```
var NTPT_HTTPSIMGSRG = 'image';
```

#### Example

```
var NTPT_HTTPSIMGSRG = 'https://mysite.com/images/ntpagetag.gif';
```

### NTPT\_GLBLEXTA

A query modifier that will be applied to every page tag and event tag. The query modifier should contain the key-value pairs you want to add to or delete from the query string for your tags.

#### Syntax

```
var NTPT_GLBLEXTA = 'key=value';
```

#### Example

```
// Append the 'sitetheme=blue' pair to every page tag.  
var NTPT_GLBLEXTA = 'sitetheme=blue';
```

### NTPT\_GLBLREFTOP

Retrieve the referrer (the value for the “rf” field) from the top (that is, the most containing) frame of the current page. Otherwise, the referrer is retrieved from the current page. If you do not set this variable, it defaults to false.

#### Syntax

```
var NTPT_GLBLREFTOP = [true,false];
```

#### Example

```
var NTPT_GLBLREFTOP = true;
```

## NTPT\_GLBLCOOKIES

An array of customer-set cookies set globally to be captured by the page tagging script.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_GLBLCOOKIES = [ ];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_GLBLCOOKIES = ["cookie1", "cookie2"];
```

## NTPT\_SET\_IDCOOKIE

Tells the page tagging script to set the visitor identification cookie.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_SET_IDCOOKIE = [true, false];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_SET_IDCOOKIE = true;
```

## NTPT\_IDCOOKIE\_NAME

Sets the name of the visitor identification cookie.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_IDCOOKIE_NAME = "";
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_IDCOOKIE_NAME = "unique_visitor";
```

## NTPT\_IDCOOKIE\_EXPIRE

The expiration time (in seconds) of the visitor identification cookie. If not specified the value defaults to 155520000 (60 months).

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_IDCOOKIE_EXPIRE = number;
```

### Possible values

Value	Description
Any number	The number of seconds until the cookie expires

### Examples

```
var NTPT_IDCOOKIE_EXPIRE = 315360000; // 10 years
```

## NTPT\_IDCOOKIE\_DOMAIN

Specifies the domain suffix for the visitor identification cookie. This allows customers with more than one site within the same domain to use a single version of the visitor identification cookie, allowing you to track cross-site visits/visitors. For example, if your site uses the subdomains `www.mydomain.com`, `info.mydomain.com`, and `support.mydomain.com`, you can ensure they use the same identification cookie by specifying an `NTPT_IDCOOKIE_DOMAIN` value of `".mydomain.com"`

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_IDCOOKIE_DOMAIN = "";
```

- The domain suffix specified as the value must include at least two periods (see example).
- The domain suffix must be the same domain that sends the cookie. For example, you may not set a cookie for `abc.com` if your server's domain is `mydomain.com`.

### Example

```
var NTPT_IDCOOKIE_DOMAIN = ".mydomain.com";
```

## NTPT\_SESSION\_COOKIE\_NAME

Sets the name of the session cookie. If this variable is not set, the name of the cookie defaults to `NetInsightSessionID`.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_SESSION_COOKIE_NAME = " ";
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_SESSION_COOKIE_NAME = "SessionID";
```



## NTPT\_SET\_SESSION\_COOKIE

Checks for the session cookie and sets it if it does not exist. The default session cookie name is NetInsightSessionID. You can specify a different cookie name using the NTPT\_SESSION\_COOKIE\_NAME variable.

If you do not set this variable, it defaults to false.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_SET_SESSION_COOKIE = [true,false];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_SET_SESSION_COOKIE = true;
```

## Page-specific variables

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### About page-specific variables

Page-specific variables are optional variables that you can use to override the default page tag settings for the page on which the page-specific variables are used. The variables are not included in the page tag script (ntpagetag.js).

### Where to put page-specific variables

Page-specific variables must be defined in the page to which you want them applied. They should be defined before the Unica page tag is loaded so they can modify the page tag request before it is sent. Because the <head> element for the page is processed first, it is often a good place to define the page-specific variables.

## NTPT\_PGEXTRA

A list of field-value pairs that will be applied to the page tag for the current page. To delete a field from the page tag, set it to an empty value. Although you can add any field-value pair, some fields are recognized automatically by Unica NetInsight and do not require you to create a parameter in order for them to appear in Unica NetInsight reports.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_PGEXTRA = 'field=value&field=value&field=value[...]';
```

### Example

```
// Append the 'pagetheme=red' pair. Drop the 'rf' field.  
var NTPT_PGEXTRA = 'pagetheme=blue&rf=';  
// Treat this page as a 404 (Not Found) error.  
var NTPT_PGEXTRA = 'sc=404';
```

## NTPT\_PGREFTOP

Retrieve the referrer (the value for the “rf” field) from the top (that is, the most containing) frame of the current page. Otherwise, the referrer is retrieved from the current page.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_PGREFTOP = [true,false];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_PGREFTOP = true;
```

## NTPT\_NOINITIALTAG

This variable can be set at both the global and page level. Its default is false. When set to true at the global level, it stops the page tag script from collecting initial page load data for all pages. When set to true at the page level, it stops the page tag script from collecting initial page load data for the current page. For On Premise deployments, preventing the page tag script from collecting initial page load data is useful in augment mode (where data is collected from both page tags and logs) as it prevents duplicate data from being collected. Event tags for pages will still be sent.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_NOINITIALTAG = [true,false];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_NOINITIALTAG = false;
```

## NTPT\_PGCOOKIES

An array of customer-set cookies for a specific page to be captured by the page tagging script.

### Syntax

```
var NTPT_PGCOOKIES = [ ];
```

### Example

```
var NTPT_PGCOOKIES = ["cookie1", "cookie2"];
```

## Event tagging functions

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### ntptAddPair

Add the specified key-value pair to the query string of the next event tag to fire. If the key already exists in the query string, the value will be replaced. If the value is empty (""), the key will be dropped.

#### Syntax

```
ntptAddPair( key, value )
```

Argument	Description
key	The name of a name-value pair to add to the next event tag to fire.
value	The value of a name-value pair to add to the next event tag to fire.

### Example

```
ntptAddPair( "color", "red" );
```

### ntptDropPair

Drop the specified key-value pair from the query string of the next event tag to fire.

#### Syntax

```
ntptDropPair ( key )
```

Argument	Description
key	The name of a name-value pair to drop from the next event tag to fire.

## Example

```
ntptDropPair( tmpargs[0] );
```

## ntptEventTag

Fires an event tag using the working query string. This function should be called from a document element's event handler.

### Syntax

```
ntptEventTag ( [querymod] )
```

Argument	Description
querymod	A query modifier for the event tag. It modifies the working query string for the page tag.

## Example

```
ntptEventTag( "ev=pickcolor" );
```

## ntptLinkTag

Tags a link that would otherwise not be accessible to page tagging. These links include downloads, non-HTML pages, and pages on other Web sites. This function must be called from the onclick attribute of a link and should return the value of the function to the onclick handler.

 Link tags are not modified by the NTPT\_PGEXTRA variable.

### Syntax

```
ntptLinkTag ( linkobj [, querymod [, maxtagwait]] )
```

Argument	Description
linkobj	A link object. The keyword "this" tells the function to follow the link after tagging it.
querymod	A query modifier for the link tag. It modifies the working query string for the page tag.
maxtagwait	The maximum number of seconds that the call will wait before following the link. This overrides the global wait time specified by NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT.

## Example

```
onclick="return ntptLinkTag( this );"
```

## ntptSubmitTag

Tags form submissions. This function must be called from the onsubmit attribute of a form and must return the value of the function to the onsubmit handler.

### Syntax

```
ntptSubmitTag( formobj [, querymod [, maxtagwait]] )
```

Argument	Description
formobj	A form object. The keyword <i>this</i> tells the function to submit the form after tagging it.
querymod	A query modifier for the submit tag. It modifies the working query string for the page tag.
maxtagwait	The maximum number of seconds that the call will wait before submitting the form. This overrides the global wait time specified by NTPT_MAXTAGWAIT.

### Example

```
return ntptSubmitTag( document.myform );
```